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READ—the following papers:—

G.O. Ms. No. 79, Firka Development, dated 16th December 1947.

Government Memorandum No. 6451 F.D. III/48-1, dated 12th November 1948.

Progress reports from the Collectors of districts for December 1948.

Order—No. 178, Firka Development, dated 22nd February 1949.

Recorded.

2. The reports regarding the progress made under 'Village Communications' and 'Rural Water-supply' schemes were received on the due date only from the Collectors of Tanjore, Mathurai, Anantapur, North Arcot, Tiruchirappalli, Chittoor and Malabar. The Collector of Salem sent an interim report. The progress report from the Collector of Nellore, has not been received. The Collector of Tirunelveli did not furnish the information in the form prescribed in Government Memorandum No. 6451 F.D. III/48-1, dated 12th November 1948. The Collectors should see that the statement called for in the Government Memorandum reaches the Government on the due date.

3. *Village Communications.*—It is observed that one road has been completed in each of the firkas of Kalasapakkam and Proddatur, two in Tirumangalam, Guruvareddipalem and Vijayavada and three in Palladam. It is gratifying to note that the roads to a total length of 45 miles have been laid in all the selected firkas and centres in December 1948 and a total expenditure of Rs. 34,578 incurred during the month.

4. *Rural Water-supply.*—The Government observe that during the month of December 1948, one well has been completed in each of the firkas of Proddatur, Alur, Vijayavada, two wells have been completed in Musiri, Tirumangalam and Guruvareddipalem and three in Hindupur firka. A sum of Rs. 45,895 has been spent towards the sinking of wells in all the selected firkas and centres during the month of December 1948. Wells have also been repaired in Saliamangalam, Musiri, Tirumangalam, Alur and Vijayavada and an expenditure of Rs. 8,120 has been incurred for this purpose.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M. S. Jagannayakulu,
Secretary to Government.

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